

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

May 9, 2013

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Charlie Colletta, Chad Lewis, and Derrick Malec. Not Present: Carol Massie, Dan Chismire, and Thaddeus Smith. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Anthony Bell, Fabio Conti, Elizabeth McDonald, and Katie Seymour. Not Present: None. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, and Bill Farrar, Andrews International; Captain Beatrice Girmala, LAPD; Deputy Del Moore, Deputy Rivas, and Deputy Panghongkeow, LASD; Angela Motta, Council District 13. Not Present: Neighborhood Prosecutor. Staff: Kerry Morrison, and Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: David Sayed, IPS.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 10:06 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee approved the meeting notes from their April 11, 2013 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International

1. Monthly Activity Report: Joe Salazar gave the Andrews report noting that the office has received around 400 more calls for service compared to this time last year. The team has also continued to experience a drop in arrests by 25%. During this period the morning team conducted their first monthly homeless count. These counts will be a monthly occurrence to help both Andrews' officers and social service providers identify "hot spots" and potential clients they can engage with in the coming months. This year the officers have handed out 114 homeless referrals and are constantly working with PATH and other agencies to try and help the BID's most chronically homeless neighbors get connected. Officers' foot patrols have also increased in the area this year, totaling over 660 hours of walking time.

2. Night Patrol Evaluation and Discussion: Joe Mariani reported that the BID had recently completed their extended hours (10 p.m.) 13 week experiment. Mariani distributed a report Seyler had put together summarizing each weeks activities and observations. Based on the report it appeared that the timeframe was very uneventful, with no significant incidents observed by BID security. Captain Girmala reported that she is also trying to engage night time business owners in the area of Las Palmas to Schrader to entertain the idea of starting their own nighttime security program. The committee agreed that a program which ran later in the evening may be a better option. Unfortunately the BID's budget did not allow for extended hours without sacrificing some day time manpower. The committee recommended tabling any continuation of the BID security's nighttime deployment program until further notice.

B. Report from LAPD: Captain Girmala further explained to the committee her idea for a nighttime private security program in the BID. The Captain said ideally the program would be paid for by nighttime businesses and span Hollywood Boulevard, from La Brea Avenue to Vine Street. The Captain said despite her busy schedule, she is committed to exploring this option and making it a success. She also said that she has already received the pledged support of Jerry Neuman and SBE for this effort. The next step is to involve other parties to confirm their participation. The Captain also noted that the initiative has the assistance of Chief Downing. It is a proactive project that requires financial commitment from those involved, which the Captain thought may be difficult to obtain. In the end the Captain said she hopes it will make the Boulevard a better place. On a separate topic the Captain said the program to have off-duty officers monitor the LAPD cameras on Friday and Saturday nights is almost ready to start. The Captain said she just needed to adjust some wording on the BID's letter and would get back to the staff soon. The off-duty officers would ideally

man the cameras from 10 p.m. – 4 am. The Captain reported that Part I crime is down 20% for the period, and violent crime was down 16.3%. Captain Girmala also asked that the committee email her their top three task force requests as she is currently putting together her task force calendar and a summer deployment plan. The Captain also said she is continuing her Friday email report with the BID, and that the new Deputy Chief for West Bureau will be Chief Hara. Lastly, there will be a Hollywood Area symposium at 5:30 p.m. at Paramount Studios on June 25, 2013.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Moore reported that Red Line year to date crime is continuing to go down. Hollywood stations will also begin to see more locked turnstiles this June. The department is currently working with LAPD to try and coordinate a joint training venture in the future. Lastly, Deputy Moore offered to take any committee member who was interested on a tour of the Red Line in the future.

D. Report from Neighborhood Prosecutor: Not in attendance due to court obligations.

V. New Business

VI. Old Business

A. Security RFP

1. Contract Update: Both Andrews BID contracts are now signed and awaiting signature from Randy Andrews.

B. Hollywood and Cahuenga Intersection Update: Mariani reported that the HPOA board voted to allow the Security Pacific Bank owner to remove the bus benches in front of his property for a temporary period. At the Board meeting, the owner's representative had agreed to pay the cost for the removal and re-installation of the benches. Additionally, the owner had offered to store the benches in his building. Morrison said the staff is in the process of drafting an MOU with the owner, however unbeknownst to them the owner had already recently removed the benches.

C. Homeless Outreach Update:

1. Homeless Bill of Rights: Mariani informed the Committee that the bill had been recently resubmitted with changes to the Assembly. The staff has yet to see the revised draft and is trying to get a copy for review. Mariani will continue to inform the Committee as the Assembly's discussion moves forward.

2. Targeted Outreach Plan: Morrison is working with various outreach providers in the area, Department of Mental Health, and the LAPD to help identify and contact those individuals who are most "at-risk" and chronically homeless in Hollywood. The group has put together a list and is focusing their efforts to try and help these individuals move from the street into a home. Morrison said she was feeling encouraged that progress could occur based on the various organizations who have become involved in the initiative.

B. Community Impact Team: The staff will be participating in a call with the Times Square Alliance and NYPD to discuss the recent incidents with street characters that have occurred in both New York and Hollywood. Angela Motta said that it may be good for the committee to also get together with the LAPD to figure out a summer plan. Captain Girmala said the issue continues to be a difficult one with the characters and enforcement, due to first amendment implications. Tronson suggested we set up a meeting with whoever is elected City Attorney soon after the election, to get them informed about the continuing issues hurting our area.

C. Parking Update

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1. Valet Ordinance Status: No news to report. The staff is still waiting to see what the next steps will be for the ordinance.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 10 a.m. in suite 802 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Suite 414, Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairs Fred Rosenthal and John Tronson at 11:23 a.m.